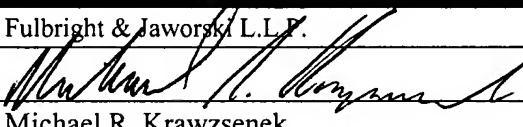


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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), dated May 19, 2006, there are enclosed herewith:

- (a) Declaration executed on behalf of Claude THIBODEAU, David BERGERON, Isabelle BOLDUC, Claude COUTURE and Nicolas NOURRY;
- (b) A Power of Attorney on behalf of LEGROUPE LYSAC INC.;
- (c) Information Disclosure Statement;
- (d) Form PTO-1449;

- (e) References (B1-B21; C1-C13);
- (f) Our check in the amount of \$1,490.00 to cover the basic filing fee surcharge for late filing (\$65.00); additional claims fee (\$630.00); four month extension of time fee (\$795.00);
- (g) A copy of Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US); and
- (h) A Request for Extension of Time of four months to and including November 19, 2006. Should such request be absent, consider this such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 as stated below.

An Assignment to LEGROUPE LYSAC INC. and a payment of \$40.00 are being filed online via Electronic Patent Assignment System.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit the appropriate fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/BRKP:004US.

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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/23/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/23/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/23/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/23/2005
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- Specification filed on 09/23/2005
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- Drawings filed on 09/23/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of **\$655** as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of **\$65** for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$720** for a Small Entity:

- **\$65** Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$ 655**
  - **\$475** for 19 total claims over 20.
  - **\$180** for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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